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DIAPHRAGM EDGES CAUSED IN AN IMAGE BY A  
DIAPHRAGM"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,901,240  
AB United States Patent No. 5,351,306  
AL European Application 0 635 804  
AM German OS 197 42 152  
AN German OS 197 34 725

**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

References AB, AM and AN are identified and discussed at page 2 of the present application, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references. In addition to these statements, each of References AM and AN has an English language abstract attached thereto. Complete translations of References AM and AN are not readily available to the Applicants.

References AA and AL were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the counterpart German application. Since both of these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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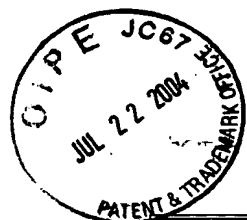
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